(b) if not, what steps _ have been taken by Government to identify the list of inputs for bulk drugs?:

THE MINISTER OF STATE ' IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. *K.,* JAICHANDRA SINGH): *ia)* NQj' Sir.

(b) Ministry of Finance have issued, necessary notification exempting 36 intermediates from countervailing duty vv. e. f. 1-3-1987.

Customs duty on bulk drugs

962. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

. (a): whether it is a fact that customs duty on inputs for bulk drugs which is used in the production, of bulk drugs is higher than the impqrt duty on finished drugs; and

(b) if so, how far it 'is responsible for decrease "in production of bulk drugs and incrtea. se in the import thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMTCALS IN THE. MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Normal rate of: custom duty on drugs is 100 per cent *ad valorem,* A number of intermediates which are exclusively used for production of bulk drugs have already been exempted from the contervailing duty, reducing the effective rate, of duty to 110 per cent, in such cases.

(b) There isno decrease in the production of bulk drugs.

Violation of the Drug Price Control Order, 1979

983, DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: ' Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to the Unstarred Question 2556 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st December, 1980. 'and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a num ber of drug companies violated the provisions of the Drug Price Control Order, 1979 during the last three years;.

(b) if so, the number of instances came to the notice of the Govern- ment alongwith the names of the companies and details of violations;

(c) whether his Ministry has not taken action against any company under Essential. Commodities Act for violation of provisions of Drugs Order;, and .

(d) if so, -what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMI-. CALS AND PETROCHEMICALS. IN THE MINISTRY, OF INDUSTRY (SHRI, R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (d) As and when instances of. violations of the Drugs (Prices Con trol) Order, 1979 by the' drag manu facturers have come to the notice of the Government necessary action has been, taken. In the case of M/s. Warner Hindustan a notice was issued to the company when instance of wrong categorisation of Isokin 300 mg. Tab let, Isokin Liquid, Pyridium Tablets- came to 'the notice of the Govern- mient. After the judgement of the Delhi High Court in resPect of. formertwo products and issuance of the notice to the company by this Department in respect of Pyridium Tablets, they. have reclassified the products as Category-IH formulations. Govern- ment has also initiated action for recovery of Rs. 106. 36 lakhs towards the amount over charged'from consumers.